

# The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - May 2022

## From Mrs. Winders

And just like that - it's spring! The month of May will be a busy one for Cascade students, and next thing you know it will be the end of the school year! We have a lot to cover before we say "Hello!" to summer on the last day of school which is June 7th.

We are currently in the process of starting up a new PTO for Cascade Elementary. If you are interested in volunteering to help get this new organization started, please complete this [PTO Form](#).

Hip-Hip Hooray! Our latest testing scores are in and I am amazed at how well our snow leopards are doing! Our Grade 2 students scored the highest proficiency rate on their science cornerstone assessment, and our entire school scored the highest proficiency rate on their spring math interim for our entire cohort!! Congratulations to our teachers, parents, and students for this well-deserved accomplishment!

Speaking of testing, our students in Grades 3-5 will be taking the MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program) during the first three weeks in May. Please help your students succeed by getting plenty of sleep, arriving on time to school every day, and doing their very best on the test! We are confident that our snow leopards will bring us more accomplishments to celebrate!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2nd - May 6th. This is a week for honoring teachers and recognizing lasting contributions they make in our lives. The official date is May 5th, so we would love to plan a luncheon for our hardworking staff. Since there is no "SUB"stitute for our terrific teachers, we are having a SUB themed luncheon for them with your help. To donate toward this luncheon click [here](#). Please have donations delivered to the front office no later than 10:00 am on May 5th. Thank you!

Grade 5 students are invited to attend a 5th Grade Transition Night at Smithsburg Middle School on Tuesday, May 3rd to address middle school expectations, schedules and parental involvement. See below for more details.

As stated in the Winter Break Update sent from Central Office in December, WCPS has granted five days where students will dismiss early so teachers can have time for instructional planning. The next date is Friday, May 13th. We will dismiss at 12:25 pm on this date, please mark your calendars for this change. The updated WCPS calendar is below for your review.

Cascade is hosting Summer Camp opportunities for rising students in grades 1-5! To sign up, click [here](#). Students that are rising kindergarteners will be able to attend a separate "Kinder Camp" the week of August 1-4th. To sign up for Kinder Camp please email Mrs. Kandi at [woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us).

WCPS Board Policy has changed recently regarding early dismissal procedures for students. Effective immediately please send in a note with your child that morning if you are picking them up early. This allows for staff to prepare your child for the early pick up and is less disruptive to instruction.

As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Winders



[Click here for Summer Camp Registration!](#)

\*Rising students in grades 1-5 only!

[Click here to see Kinder Camp Info!](#)

email Mrs. Kandi to register ([woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us))



## 5th Grade Transition Night at Smithsburg Middle School

### WHEN

Tuesday, May 3rd, 5pm

### WHERE

68 North Main Street  
Smithsburg, MD

### MORE INFORMATION

5:00-5:45 pm for last names starting with A-J

6:00-6:45 pm for last names starting with K-Z



[Click here to volunteer with the new Cascade PTO!](#)



## May 2-May 6th - Teacher Appreciation Week!

Join us in helping teachers feel our appreciation for all that they do!



## May 13th - Dismissal is at 12:25 pm!

Students leave early on this date due to a WCPS calendar change.



## May 30th - No School!

Have a great Memorial Day weekend!





CASCADE ELEMENTARY

# STAFF & TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Let's show our teachers and staff we appreciate ALL they do EVERYDAY!

## **MAY 2** **MANIC MONDAY**

Bring in or draw your TEACHER's favorite stuffed animal!

## **MAY 3** **THANKFUL TUESDAY**

Show your teacher how thankful you are by completing the attached sheet!

## **MAY 4** **WACKY WEDNESDAY**

Make your teacher SMILE! Write them a funny joke or draw a wacky picture!

## **MAY 5** **TREAT THURSDAY**

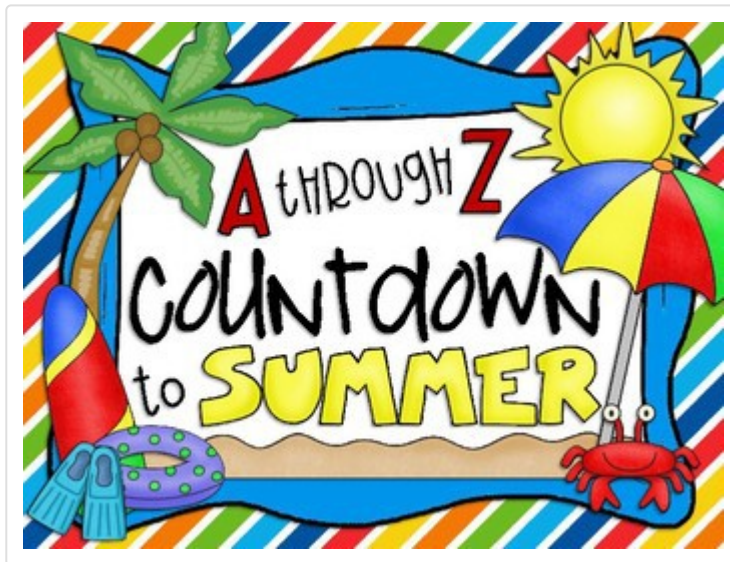
Today is the staff luncheon! Bring in your teacher's favorite treat!

## **MAY 6** **FAVORITE FRIDAY**

Wear your teacher's favorite color or favorite team jersey!

Please note: Participation is optional.





## Join us for the Countdown to Summer Spirit Days!

### May

- 2 A-Animal Day- Bring in your favorite stuffed animal.**
- 3 B-Beach Day- Bring in a beach towel to "read on the beach".**
- 4 C-Cascade/camo- Wear Cascade or camo gear!**
- 5 D-Dancing day- We will take dancing breaks throughout the day.
- 6 E-Exercise day- We will do some exercises throughout the day.
- 9 F-Favorite book day- Bring in your favorite book to read.**
- 10 G-Game day-We will play some of our favorite games.
- 11 H-Hat day- Wear your favorite hat to school**
- 12 I-Inside out Day- Wear something inside out!**
- 13 J-Joke day- Bring a joke to share with the class.**
- 16 K-King Day- Treat the boys like kings (line up first, etc.)
- 17 L-Lollipop day- Come into school today and you will get a sweet treat!
- 18 M-Mismatched day- Wear mismatched clothes.**
- 19 N-Necklace or necktie day- Wear a necklace or necktie to school**
- 20 O-Outside- We will do some of our learning outside.
- 23 P-PJs day- Wear your favorite pajamas.**
- 24 Q-Queen Day- Treat the girls like a queen (line up first, etc).
- 25 R-Rockstar Day-Dress like a rockstar!**
- 26 S-Sunglasses Day! Wear your cool shades to school for the day!**
- 27 T-Twin Day- Dress up like someone else and be their twin.**
- 31 U-Unforgettable Day- We will talk about some of the unforgettable moments of the year!

### June

- 1 V-Video Day- We will watch a movie/video together as a class!
- 2 W-Wacky Day- Dress wacky for school today.**
- 3 X-eXtra recess- We will have a few minutes of extra recess.
- 6 Y-Yellow Day- Wear yellow.
- 7 Z-Zoo Day- Wear animal print clothing. LAST DAY of school!!**

## Cascade Mountain Weather Zone



### A Small School Making a BIG Difference!

Our staff feels that even the smallest action can make a difference. We reference *The Starfish Story* by Loren Easley:

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?"

The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

"Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf.

Then, smiling at the man, he said....."I made a difference for that one."

## Cascade Elementary School Website





# WCPS Calendar for 2021-2022




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